

1                   **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40**

2            (By Delegates Paxton, Anderson, Andes, Azinger, Barker,  
3            Brown, D. Campbell, Crosier, Ellem, Evans, Guthrie,  
4            Hatfield, Howell, Iaquinta, Ireland, Longstreth, Mahan,  
5            Manchin, Martin, C. Miller, O'Neal, Pasdon, D. Poling, Poore,  
6            Reynolds, Romine, Rowan, Savilla, Shaver, Skaff, Smith,  
7            Snuffer, Sobonya, Stephens, Sumner, Walker, Wells and Williams)

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9    Requesting the Division of Highways to name bridge number 20-  
10       60/143.64 over the Coal River on Main Street in St. Albans,  
11       Kanawha County, the "Joseph Homer Lloyd Bridge."

12       WHEREAS, Joseph Homer Lloyd was born in Roane County on March  
13 3, 1916, the son of Everett and Bertha Lloyd. He graduated from  
14 Clay High School in 1938 and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1939,  
15 requesting duty in Hawaii to "see the world," little knowing that  
16 he would soon be a participant in one of the momentous events in  
17 American history. He was stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in  
18 Hawaii when the Japanese launched their infamous attack on Pearl  
19 Harbor on December 7, 1941. He awoke that peaceful Sunday morning  
20 on December 7 and was on his way to breakfast at the mess hall when  
21 the Japanese began bombing Hickam Air Force Base. The barracks  
22 where he had slept only minutes before were bombed and the mess  
23 hall where he was headed took a direct hit, leaving thirty-five  
24 people dead. But Joseph survived that fateful day at Hickam Field  
25 and went on to serve his country honorably in World War II; and

26       WHEREAS, In 1942, Joseph Homer Lloyd attended Officers  
27 Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the

1 Army. He was then sent to Europe, where he served with the 14  
2 Armored Division throughout the remainder of the war. While  
3 serving with the 14 Armored Division, he, Homer Lloyd was awarded  
4 the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement" when his company was  
5 isolated by a German counterattack, and he additionally received a  
6 Purple Heart; and

7 WHEREAS, After the war, Joseph Homer Lloyd returned to West  
8 Virginia, where he and his beloved wife Mabel, eventually settled  
9 in Tornado, Kanawha County, and he worked at Union Carbide as a  
10 heavy equipment foreman until his retirement. Joseph and Mabel  
11 have two daughters, Ramona, who currently resides in Hot Springs  
12 Village, Arkansas, with her husband Tom, and Phyllis, who resides  
13 in Rock Branch with her husband, Richard. A son, Travis, is  
14 deceased. Joseph and Mabel also have eight grandchildren and  
15 seventeen great grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, It is only fitting and proper that we acknowledge  
17 Joseph Homer Lloyd for his outstanding service to his country and  
18 for a life well-lived. Joseph came of age during the Great  
19 Depression, endured incredible hardships for his country in World  
20 War II, and then returned home to help build a modern post-war  
21 America. His life personifies the grit, determination and selfless  
22 contribution that led Tom Brokaw to name his generation the  
23 "Greatest Generation"; therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1        That the Legislature hereby requests the Division of Highways  
2 to name bridge number 20-60/14-3.64 over the Coal River on Main  
3 Street in St. Albans, Kanawha County, the "Joseph Homer Lloyd  
4 Bridge"; and, be it

5        *Further Resolved*, That the Division of Highways is hereby  
6 requested to have made and be placed, signs identifying the bridge  
7 as the "Joseph Homer Lloyd Bridge," with an additional designation  
8 that he is a Pearl Harbor survivor; and, be it

9        *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates,  
10 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the  
11 Department of Transportation and to Joseph Homer Lloyd.